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EMPLOY MORE PLANT PHYSICIANS -- Budapest, Nepszava, 14 Mar 51

Under a recent decree of the Council of Ministers, which goes into effect on 1 May, all plants employing more than 500 workers, and under certain conditions also plants which employ less than 500, must employ plant physicians. These physicians will be employees of the National Health Service and not of the individual plants.

The worker is examined by the plant physician at the time he is employed. The plant physician makes out a medical history card and this card accompanies the worker even if his place of employment is changed. The physician determines whether the worker is suffering from a disease, and what type of work he should be assigned to without impairing his health. The physical examination is very important in the case of young workers. If young workers are assigned properly, frequent change of jobs may be eliminated. Each worker is examined at least once a year. Special attention is paid to young workers and pregnant women.

The plant physician has numerous duties. In the case of persons who work with poisonous materials, he conducts laboratory tests in cooperation with the National Health Institute. At the time of periodic physical examinations, he examines the workers' teeth as well. The plant physician must also see that health measures are carried out properly and must intervene in case of deficient safeguards. -- Dr Ibolya Katona

PRODUCE MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN HUNGARY -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 17 Jan 51

Hungary is turning out high-grade medical instruments. The Fischer plant has introduced an instrument for stomach and intestinal surgery and an apparatus for pneumothorax therapy. The Surgical Instruments Works manufacture thoroscopes for diagnosing tuberculosis, cystoscopes, bronchoscopes, apparatus for the setting of bone fractures, and laboratory equipment for routine tests for syphilis. Various other medical instruments, such as needles and syringes, are also being supplied.

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